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## **Patrol defeats AIF in surprise ambush**

BAQUBAH, Iraq (February 13, 2006) – Soldiers with Bravo Company, 1-68, 3<sup>rd</sup> HBCT, 4ID, Task Force Band of Brother, were ambushed by Anti-Iraqi Forces late yesterday evening at around 10 p.m. while on a routine patrol. Performing in accordance with their unit's reaction to contact procedures and rules of engagement, the patrol quickly returned fire and cordoned off the area.

Within minutes the Quick Reaction Force, which was dispatch upon notification of the attack from Forward Operating Base, Gabe, joined Bravo Company in returning fire to the AIF who were shooting from roof tops and a nearby palm grove.

After the AIF broke contact and fled, a search of the buildings where fire initiated was conducted, but turned up nothing. The AIF, unsuccessfully, used small arms and machine gun fire and an IED. An explosion that was originally thought to be an RPG, was later confirmed to be an IED.

Three Soldiers obtained superficial wound during the ambush. All three were treated and returned to duty. No damage was incurred to any equipment.

“Task Force 1-68 AR reacted to the attack with the practical efficiency that comes with experience,” said Maj. John Digiambattista, TF 1-68, 3<sup>rd</sup> HBCT, 4ID, executive officer. “Anti-coalition forces were rapidly suppressed and collateral damage was minimized. The Soldiers are doing fine.” Happened generator